

# Health Protocol for Arrivals to Sri Lanka Tourism Travel Bio Bubble

Valid for arrivals from 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**1** Applies to International Tourists visiting Sri Lanka under tourist visa and optional for dual citizens, valid resident visa holders, Sri Lankan citizens who opt to come under the tourism route. No prior approval required from Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Civil Aviation Authority. There is no minimum duration of stay in Sri Lanka.

**2** Prior to boarding, travelers are required to:

- Have a valid tourist visa before boarding flight. All visas must be applied online. Visit [eta.gov.lk](http://eta.gov.lk).
- Before applying for visa, ensure you have the following.
  - A pre-confirmed booking at a Level 1 'Safe & Secure Certified' hotel/s for up to 15 days depending on the duration of your stay and vaccination status. Hotel booking/s could be made directly with the hotel or through 'Safe & Secure' certified travel Agent or OTA. Visitors allowed moving within L1 hotels and using all facilities of the hotel upon the negative on arrival PCR. Please visit [www.srilanka.travel/helloagain](http://www.srilanka.travel/helloagain).
  - Pay to hotel or Travel agent for the mandatory COVID-19 local travel insurance cover at USD 12 for a policy of USD 50,000 upto period of one month (including children below 2 years).
  - Pay to hotel or Travel agent for PCR tests (USD 40 per PCR test) depending on the status of your vaccination. (Refer table 1 below).
- Have negative PCR test done within 72 hours prior to embarkation (Children below 2 years are excluded). Please check your airlines requirements also.

**Airport transfers to be arranged by either the respective Certified Safe & Secure L1 hotel or Certified Safe & Secure travel agent.**

**All travelers should undergo On Arrival (Day One) COVID-19 PCR tests;**

- Children between 2- 12 years of age will be exempted from On Arrival (Day One) PCR testing ONLY if they are following the non-vaccinated route.
- Children below 2 years are exempted from PCR testing. However, if the parents/guardians develop symptoms or result in positive PCR test reports, children will undergo PCR tests.

**3** At the airport produce the followings:

- Negative COVID-19 PCR report (English) taken within 72 hours prior to embarkation (All travelers excluding children below 2 years).
- Original vaccination certificate / card (together with a certified copy of English language translation if the certificate/card is not in English or if relevant data are not indicated in English in a non - English certificate / card) or a verifiable evidence of vaccination.
- Completed Health Declaration Form.

## 4 Fully Vaccinated Travelers

**4.1** Travelers who have completed the recommended doses of COVID-19 vaccination and arriving after 2 weeks of completion of vaccination will be considered as fully vaccinated travelers. Any vaccination type accepted by the country of origin is acceptable.

**4.2** On arrival PCR test

- Stay at a Certified Safe & Secure L1 hotel until the on-arrival PCR test is performed (for 24-48 hours).
- Upon a negative On Arrival (Day One) PCR test report, vaccinated travelers can leave the bio-bubble. The respective L1 hotel doctor will issue a "Discharge Document" upon verifying the status of vaccination and PCR test results.
- Children between 2-18 years not vaccinated are allowed to leave the bubble with fully vaccinated parents upon a negative on arrival PCR test.
- After leave the bio-bubble, travelers are not allowed to come back into the Tourism bio-bubble (i.e. stay at 'L1 Safe and Secure Certified' hotels not permitted upon leaving the bubble). If you decide to leave the bio-bubble, it is strongly recommended to use the 'Safe and Secure Certified' hotels (non- L1) for the rest of your journey.

**4.3**

- Fully vaccinated travellers who have NO travel history (including transit) to any travel restricted countries in the past 14 days (India, South American countries and South African countries: South Africa, Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe) and discharged from a L1 Safe & Secure Certified hotel with an On Arrival (Day One) negative COVID-19 PCR report, are exempted from 2nd PCR test.
- Unvaccinated children of 2-18 years who have been released with the fully vaccinated parents should undergo a COVID-19 PCR test on Day Seven after arriving in Sri Lanka, from a Ministry of Health approved Private Sector or State Sector Laboratory and inform the results immediately to area MOH by telephone or email.

## 5 Non-Fully Vaccinated Travelers

**5.1** Travelers who have not received COVID-19 vaccination/ not completed the recommended doses of vaccination / departed from abroad within less than 2 weeks of completion of recommended doses of vaccination will be considered as non-vaccinated travelers.

*Note: Any travelers who have been previously affected by COVID 19 and have only one dose of vaccination, will also be treated as NON vaccinated Travelers.*

**5.2** On Arrival PCR

Stay at a Certified Safe & Secure L1 hotel/s for up to first 15 days of the visit and undergo on-arrival PCR test. Travelers are allowed to stay at any number of Certified Safe & Secure L1 hotels and permitted to use all facilities of the hotel upon an on arrival negative PCR test report. Travelers are also allowed to visit approved tourist sites in a bio bubble. Visit [www.srilanka.travel/helloagain](http://www.srilanka.travel/helloagain).

**5.3** 2<sup>nd</sup> PCR Test

Travelers who have not completed two weeks after the vaccination

- Travelers who are vaccinated, yet not completed 2 weeks from the recommended doses of vaccination will be entitled for a shorter bio-bubble period as below;
  - Traveler will undergo the 2nd PCR test on completion of day 14 from the recommended doses of vaccination and upon negative test results will leave the bubble.
  - Children between 2-18 years are allowed to leave the bubble with vaccinated parents upon a negative exit PCR tests done simultaneously. These unvaccinated children of 2-18 years if released within less than 7 days of arrival in Sri Lanka, with the fully vaccinated parent, they should undergo a COVID-19 PCR test on Day Seven after arriving in Sri Lanka from a Ministry of Health approved Private Sector or State Sector Laboratory and inform the results immediately to area MOH by telephone or email.
  - Children under 2 years are exempted from PCR tests; However, if the exit PCR testing of an accompanying traveler of the child is positive for COVID-19, child will also be subjected to PCR testing subsequently.
- After verifying the status of vaccination and the 2 week completion of the recommended doses of vaccination and PCR tests, the Hotel Doctor at Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel will issue a "Discharge Document".

**5.4** 2<sup>nd</sup> PCR Test

Not-vaccinated

- All Travelers will perform the 2nd PCR (Exit PCR) on Day 14.
- If departing the country between day 5 and 14 from arrival, all Travelers will perform the 2nd PCR (Exit PCR) 24-36 hours prior to departure.
- Children below 2 years are exempted from exit COVID-19 PCR testing. However, if the exit PCR testing of an accompanying traveler of the child is positive for COVID-19, child will also be subjected to PCR testing subsequently.
- Upon negative exit PCR test result, travelers can leave the bio-bubble on completion of day 14 and go into the community. The respective L1 hotel doctor will issue a "Discharge Document" upon verifying the status of PCR test results.



**Table 1 (Summary of the PCR testing)**

1 <sup>st</sup> PCR Test					
Status	When	Adults	< 2 Years	2-12 Years	12-18 Years
Fully Vaccinated	On arrival	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Not Vaccinated	On arrival	Yes	No	No	Yes
Vaccination incomplete (Due to 2 week period)	On arrival	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

  

2 <sup>nd</sup> PCR Test					
Status	When	Adults	< 2 Years	2-12 Years	12-18 Years
Fully Vaccinated	Day 7 after arrival	No	No	Yes	Yes
Not Vaccinated	Day 14 after arrival	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Vaccination incomplete (Due to 2-week period)	On Completion of Day 14 from the recommended doses of vaccination (Entitled for a shorter bubble period)	Yes	No	Yes*	Yes*
Not Vaccinated (If departing the country between 5-14 days from arrival)	24-36 hours before the departure date	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

\* Unvaccinated children of 2-18 years if released within less than 7 days of arrival in Sri Lanka, with the fully vaccinated parents, they should undergo a COVID-19 PCR test on Day Seven after arriving in Sri Lanka.